

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is being submitted in response to the Interview with Examiner Hirl on March 30, 2004. Claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 22 are amended hereby. No claims are canceled or added. Accordingly, after entry of this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1-24 will remain pending.

The kindness and helpfulness of Examiner Hirl during the interview of March 30, 2004 are acknowledged and were greatly appreciated. Mr. Dale S. Lazar and Dr. Qian Huang attended the interview where the arguments outlined below were presented.

By this supplemental amendment, claim 1 has been amended. The supplemental amendment is made based on discussion with the Examiner during a personal interview conducted on March 30, 2004.

In addition, claims 9, 14, 17 and 22 are amended to correct minor typographical and grammatical discrepancies, which corrections improve the readability of the claims. While these changes were not discussed during the interview, the changes are merely formalistic in nature and, therefore, are not believed to raise new issues.

During the personal interview, the distinction between the claimed invention and the cited prior art reference Kurowski et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0019844) was made by the Applicant. Kurowski et al. teaches a decentralized system which requires a client machine to separately communicate with more than one types of servers to retrieve an algorithm and data on which the algorithm is to be applied. In the claimed invention, both at least one portion of an algorithm and the corresponding data sent by a originating server. The amended claim 1 clarifies this distinction.

If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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